



CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Agenda

Special Meeting Council Chambers

***Monday, October 4, 2021
5:00 P.M.***

The Special Meeting of City Council is filmed and can be viewed LIVE while the meeting is taking place or at your convenience at <https://www.readingpa.gov/content/city-council-video> and on Facebook Live and on BCTV MAC Channel 99.

The Regular Meetings of City Council are filmed and can be viewed LIVE while the meeting is taking place via the attached Zoom link and dial-in phone number, on Facebook and on BCTV MAC Channel 99 or at your convenience at <https://www.readingpa.gov/content/city-council-video>.

Due to COVID-19, the public is prohibited from physically attending the meeting. In person attendance is permitted in the Penn Room in City Hall – use the 8th Street doors. To attend the meeting via our virtual app, please log-in using the link or the dial-in phone number below

Due to COVID-19 also known as the Coronavirus the public speaking requirements have been modified. Comments posted in Zoom Chat and on Facebook are not considered public comment and a response may not occur.

Public Comment Instructions:

- To comment at a Regular Business Meeting, citizens can register by calling or emailing the City Clerk's Office by noon on the day of the regular meeting. Instructions to access the virtual meeting app or dial-in will be provided upon registration. Call 610-655-6205 or e-mail [**council@readingpa.gov**](mailto:council@readingpa.gov)
- Public comment for Regular Business meetings will also be accepted in writing by 4pm on the day of the meeting through an e-mail to [**council@readingpa.gov**](mailto:council@readingpa.gov). The message must clearly be marked as Public Comment. The comment received in writing will be read into the record at the Regular Meeting.
- Those wishing to provide in-person comment at a Regular Meeting in the Penn Room must register with the City Clerk no later than 4 pm on the day of the meeting by calling 610-655-6204 or emailing [**council@readingpa.gov**](mailto:council@readingpa.gov). The procedure to register to comment by signing a registration sheet before the start of the regular meeting will be suspended until the meetings are fully opened with everyone gathering in Council Chambers.
- Public comment for Special Meetings can be about agenda topics only. Please limit your remarks to no more than 5 minutes.

All remarks must be directed to Council as a body and not to any individual Council member or public or elected official in attendance. Any comment that is personally offensive or impertinent will not be read into the record.

Join from a PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone or Android device:

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Public comment can be offered by telephone or virtual meeting application by registering with the City Clerk at 610 655 6205 by noon on the day of the business meeting or in writing through an email to council@readingpa.gov clearly marked "Public Comment" or a letter mailed to the Council Office clearly marked "Public Comment". Written public comment must be submitted by 4:00 pm on day of the meeting to allow time to distribute the comment submitted. The written comment received will be read into the record.

1. OPENING MATTERS

A. CALL TO ORDER

D. ROLL CALL

2. PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA MATTERS:

See the instructions provided above

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A. AGENDA: Special Meeting of October 4, 2021

4. Consent Agenda

A. Resolution – authorizing the solicitor to petition the Court of Common Pleas to retain the Commuter Tax for 2022

5. Introduction of New Ordinances

A. Ordinance – 2022 Real Estate Tax Rate

B. Ordinance – 2022 Commuter Tax Rate

C. Ordinance – 2022 Position Ordinance

D. Ordinance – 2022 General Fund Budget

E. Ordinance – 2022 Capital Budget

F. Ordinance – Adjustments to Trash/Recycling fees???

G. Ordinance – ARPA Plan

6. ADJOURN

Drafted by:	City Clerk
Sponsored/Referred by:	Solicitor
Introduced on:	Oct 4, 2021
Advertised on:	N/A

CITY OF READING
BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

RESOLUTION

NO. _____ 2021

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF READING, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA AUTHORIZING THE PROPER OFFICERS OF THE CITY TO PETITION THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, FOR PERMISSION TO IMPOSE A NONRESIDENT EARNED INCOME TAX IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE AND THREE TENTHS PERCENT (1.3%) IN 2022; AUTHORIZING INCIDENTAL ACTION; AND REPEALING INCONSISTENT RESOLUTIONS.

WHEREAS, the City of Reading, Berks County, Pennsylvania (the “City”), has begun its 2022 budget process through Mayor Eddie Moran’s submittal of his proposed budget to City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City of Reading is currently in Act 47 status and subject to a certain Municipalities Financial Recovery Act Exit Plan filed with the DCED; and

WHEREAS, the proposed budget includes projected revenue from a nonresident earned income tax which is currently imposed by the City of Reading;

WHEREAS, the City has determined to apply by Petition to the Court of Common Pleas of Berks County, Pennsylvania, for the purpose of obtaining permission to re-impose a nonresident earned income tax through an appropriate ordinance; and

WHEREAS, Act 47 allows a municipality to raise the nonresident earned income tax on an annual basis until the municipalities Act 47 status is terminated.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AS FOLLOWS:

City Council hereby approves the form of Petition presented to this meeting (which shall be filed with the records of the City), requesting authority from the Court of Common Pleas of Berks County, Pennsylvania, to implement and/or impose a nonresident earned income tax (EIT) in the amount not to exceed one and three tenths percent (1.3%) through the termination of the City’s Act 47 status or the end of the year, whichever is sooner, by an appropriate ordinance. A copy of the form of the Petition is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit “A”.

The City hereby authorizes the City Solicitor or his designee to represent the City for the nonresident EIT proceedings. The proper officers of the City are authorized to sign and acknowledge the Petition

in substantially the form approved in Section 1.

The proper officers of the City are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver such other documents and to take such other action as may be necessary or appropriate in order to effectuate the imposition of the nonresident EIT. All prior resolutions or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, officers of the City of Reading, Berks County, Pennsylvania, have hereunto set our hands and seal of the City, duly attested this _____ day of October, 2021.

CITY OF READING
Berks County, Pennsylvania

Jeffrey S. Waltman, Council President

Attest:

Linda A. Kelleher CMC, City Clerk

Drafted by:	City Clerk
Sponsored/Referred by:	Solicitor
Introduced on:	Oct 4, 2021
Advertised on:	N/A

B I L L N O. ____-2021
A N O R D I N A N C E

**LEVYING THE REAL ESTATE TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING
THE FIRST DAY OF JANUARY 2022, AND ENDING THE THIRTY-FIRST DAY OF
DECEMBER 2022.**

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF READING HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. For general revenue purposes, a tax of eighteen and one hundred twenty-nine thousandths mills (.018129) on the dollar, or eighteen dollars and twelve point nine cents (\$18.129) on each one thousand dollars is hereby levied and assessed for the fiscal year beginning the first day of January 2022, and ending the thirty-first day of December 2022, on all real property in the City of Reading taxable for County purposes.

SECTION 2. For purposes of funding activities of the Shade Tree Commission, a tax of two-tenths mills (.0002) on the dollar, or twenty cents (\$0.20) on each one thousand dollars is hereby levied and assessed for the fiscal year beginning the first day of January 2022, and ending the thirty-first day of December 2022, on all real property in the City of Reading taxable for County purposes.

SECTION 3. For purposes of funding activities of the Reading Public Library, a tax of two-tenths mills (.0002) on the dollar, or twenty cents (\$0.20) on each one thousand dollars is hereby levied and assessed for the fiscal year beginning the first day of January 2022, and ending the thirty-first day of December 2022, on all real property in the City of Reading taxable for County purposes.

SECTION 4. All ordinances or parts of ordinances conflicting with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed insofar as they are inconsistent with this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall be effective January 1, 2022, said date being the beginning of the fiscal year of the City of Reading.

Enacted _____, 2021

President of Council

Attest:

City Clerk

Submitted to Mayor by: _____

Date Submitted: _____

Received in Mayor's Office by: _____

Date Received: _____

Approved by Mayor: _____

Date Approved: _____

Vetoed by Mayor: _____

Date Vetoed: _____

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WHEREAS, the City of Reading, Berks County, Pennsylvania (the “City”), has begun its 2022 budget process through Mayor Eddie Moran’s submittal of his proposed budget to City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City of Reading is currently in Act 47 status and subject to a certain Municipalities Financial Recovery Act Exit Plan filed with the DCED; and

WHEREAS, the proposed budget includes projected revenue from a nonresident earned income tax which is currently imposed by the City of Reading; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined to apply by Petition to the Court of Common Pleas of Berks County, Pennsylvania, for the purpose of obtaining permission to re-impose a nonresident earned income tax through an appropriate ordinance.

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The City hereby authorizes the City Solicitor or his designee to represent the City for the nonresident EIT proceedings. The proper officers of the City are authorized to sign and acknowledge the Petition in substantially the form approved in Section 1.

The proper officers of the City are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver such other documents and to take such other action as may be necessary or appropriate in order to effectuate the imposition of the nonresident EIT. All prior resolutions or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are

hereby repealed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, officers of the City of Reading, Berks County, Pennsylvania, have hereunto set our hands and seal of the City, duly attested this _____ day of October, 2021.

CITY OF READING
Berks County, Pennsylvania

Jeffrey S. Waltman, Council President

Attest:

Linda A. Kelleher CMC, City Clerk

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BILL NO. _____-2021

AN ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A TAX OF UP TO A MAXIMUM OF ONE AND THREE TENTHS PERCENT (1.3%) ON ALL EARNED INCOME AND NET PROFITS GENERATED IN THE CITY OF READING BY NON-RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF READING FOR 2022.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF READING HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City of Reading hereby imposes a tax of three tenths of one percent (0.3%) on all earned income and net profits generated by non-residents of the City of Reading within the City of Reading who are subject to payment of earned income and net profits tax to the taxpayer's resident (domicile) taxing authority in the amount of one percent (1.0%).

SECTION 2. The City of Reading hereby imposes a tax of one and three tenths percent (1.3%) on all earned income and net profits generated by non-residents of the City of Reading within the City of Reading who are not subject to payment of earned income and profits tax to the taxpayer's resident (domicile) taxing authority.

SECTION 3. The City of Reading hereby imposes a tax of a certain percentage which when added to the percentage imposed by the taxpayer's resident (domicile) taxing authority equals one and three tenths percent (1.3%) on all earned income and net profits generated by non-residents of the City of Reading within the City of Reading.

SECTION 4. This tax on non-residents is hereby imposed on; (a) all salaries, wages, commissions and other compensation earned on or after January 1, 2022, during the calendar year 2022, by non-residents of the City for work done or services performed or rendered in the City of Reading; (b) the net profits earned on or after January 1, 2022, during the calendar year 2022, of businesses, professions or other activities conducted in the City of Reading by non-residents.

SECTION 5. This tax levied above shall not be shared by the School District, of Reading or otherwise, and non-residents shall continue to be given credit for the amount of earned income tax paid to their home municipal taxing authorities.

SECTION 6. The revenues resulting from the above tax may be used for capital fund purposes.

SECTION 7. This tax shall first be levied, collected and paid beginning on January 1, 2022, and during the calendar year of 2021 under all circumstances whether or not a fiscal year is used by the taxpayer.

SECTION 8. Should any section of this Ordinance be declared invalid for any reason, said declaration shall not have any effect on the remainder of this Ordinance.

SECTION 9. This Ordinance shall become effective January 1, 2022 and shall continue in effect until it may be repealed or modified by ordinance enacted by the City of Reading Council in accordance with the applicable Home Rule Charter provisions.

Enacted on _____ 2021

Jeffrey S. Waltman
President of Council

Attest:

Linda A. Kelleher CMC City
Clerk

Drafted by:	City Clerk
Sponsored/Referred by:	Solicitor
Introduced on:	Oct 4, 2021
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B I L L N O _____-2021

A N O R D I N A N C E

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE BUDGET FOR THE FUNDS OF THE CITY OF READING INCLUDING REVENUES AND EXPENSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2022 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022.

THE CITY OF READING HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The budgeted revenues and expenses for the various funds of the City of Reading for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2022, and ending December 31, 2022, shall be as set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall be effective January 1, 2022.

Enacted, _____, 2021

President of Council

Attest:

City Clerk

Drafted by: City Clerk
Sponsored/Referred by: Solicitor
Introduced on: Oct 4, 2021
Advertised on: N/A

BILL NO. ____-2021

AN ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE EMPLOYEE POSITIONS FOR THE CITY OF READING FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF READING HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Positions for the City of Reading's fiscal year beginning January 1, 2022, and ending December 31, 2022, shall be as set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall become effective January 1, 2022.

Enacted _____, 2021

President of Council

Attest:

City Clerk

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ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF READING INCLUDING CAPITAL EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2022 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF READING HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The budgeted expenses and revenues for the Capital Improvement Plan of the City of Reading for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2022, and ending December 31, 2022, shall be set forth in Exhibit A, as attached hereto and made a part hereof.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall be effective January 1, 2022, said date being the beginning of the fiscal year of the City of Reading.

Enacted._____,2021

President of Council

Attest:

City Clerk

Drafted by:
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City Clerk
Solicitor
Oct 4, 2021

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ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF READING INCLUDING EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2022 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF READING HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The budgeted expenses and revenues for the American Rescue Plan of the City of Reading for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2022, and ending December 31, 2022, shall be set forth in Exhibit A, as attached hereto and made a part hereof.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall be effective January 1, 2022, said date being the beginning of the fiscal year of the City of Reading.

Enacted._____,2021

President of Council

Attest:

City Clerk

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Oct 4, 2021

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THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF READING HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The budgeted expenses and revenues for the American Rescue Plan of the City of Reading for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2022, and ending December 31, 2022, shall be set forth in Exhibit A, as attached hereto and made a part hereof.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall be effective January 1, 2022, said date being the beginning of the fiscal year of the City of Reading.

Enacted. _____, 2021

President of Council

Attest:

City Clerk